

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (New) A cable laying vehicle for feeding cable on and off of a rotatable reel as the vehicle travels along the ground, comprising:

- a driver's cab;

- a tray behind the driver's cab;

- a module removably mounted on the tray;

- a cable return guide arranged to guide the cable over the cab;

- wherein the module comprises:

 - a mounting assembly for a rotatable shaft;

 - a rotatable reel offset from the rotatable shaft;

 - a rolling ring drive mounted on the rotatable shaft for reciprocation along the length of the shaft;

 - a switch on the rolling ring drive set to reverse the direction of travel of the rolling ring drive along the rotatable shaft when it reaches a stop provided proximate each end of the rotatable shaft;

 - primary guide means mounted on the rolling ring drive arranged to direct cable passing through the cable return guide onto the rotatable reel;

 - a stabilizer assembly for preventing the rolling ring drive from rotating with the rotatable shaft; and

a pitch control for setting the length of travel of the rolling ring drive along the rotatable shaft per rotation of the shaft.

21. (New) The cable laying vehicle according to claim 20 wherein the stabilizer assembly comprises a stabilizing bar extending generally parallel to the axis of rotation of the rotatable shaft and a pair of guide wheels connected to the rolling ring drive the guide wheels being arranged to travel lengthwise across top and bottom surfaces of the stabilizing bar.

22. (New) The cable laying vehicle according to claim 20 wherein the module comprises a motor arranged to drive the rotatable reel and the rotatable shaft.

23. (New) The cable laying vehicle according to claim 22 wherein the motor is a hydraulic motor powered through hydraulic fluid lines from a gear pump provided on the tray between the driver's cab and module, the hydraulic motor being arranged to directly drive the rotatable reel through a central shaft which is connected by chain drive to drive the rotatable shaft.

24. (New) The cable laying vehicle according to claim 20 comprising a video camera arranged to provide the driver of the vehicle with a view of the cable unwinding at the back of the vehicle through a screen provided in the cab.

25. (New) A removably mounted module for feeding cable comprising:
a mounting assembly for a rotatable shaft;
a rolling ring drive mounted on the rotatable shaft for reciprocation along the length of the shaft;

a switch on the rolling ring drive set to reverse the direction of travel of the rolling ring drive along the rotatable shaft when it reaches a stop provided proximate each end of the rotatable shaft;

primary guide means mounted on the rolling ring drive arranged to direct cable passing through the cable return guide onto the rotatable reel;

a stabilizer assembly for prevent the rolling ring drive from rotating with rotation of the rotatable shaft;

a pitch control for setting the length of travel of the rolling ring drive along the rotatable shaft per rotation of the shaft;

a stabilizing member extending generally parallel to the axis of rotation of the rotatable shaft;

a follower device joined to the rolling ring drive to prevent rotation of the rolling ring drive on the rotatable shaft, the follower device being arranged to travel along the stabilizer member with reciprocation of the rolling ring drive; and

a motor arranged to drive the rotatable reel and rotatable shaft.